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CONGRESSMAN PHIL GINGREY RECEIVES GEORGIA COMMISSION ON THE HOLOCAUST CHAIRMAN'S LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

On April 12, 2013, the Georgia Commission on the Holocaust, on behalf of the State of Georgia, is hosting the annual State Official Observance "Days of Remembrance" of the victims of the Holocaust. The observance begins at 12:00 pm in the North Wing of the State Capitol.

The 2013 Chairman's Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented by Michael Altman to Congressman Phil Gingrey, M.D.

Congressman Gingrey was born and raised in Augusta, Georgia. After graduating from St. Thomas Aquinas High School, he moved to Atlanta to attend the Georgia Institute of Technology. Congressman Gingrey co-oped his way through college, and completed his undergraduate studies in Chemistry. With a Bachelor's of Science degree from Georgia Tech, Congressman Gingrey returned home to Augusta to attend the Medical College of Georgia. He completed his internship at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta and his residency at the Medical College of Georgia. He also completed a rotation during this time at Doctor's Hospital in Columbus, Georgia.

Upon completion of his medical training, Congressman Gingrey moved to Marietta, Georgia, and set up an OB-GYN practice. For 26 years he continued to develop a successful practice, delivering more than 5,200 babies.

Congressman Gingrey is deeply involved in his community. He volunteers regularly at Good Samaritan Health Clinic, which provides free medical care for patients without health insurance or who are unable to afford care, and actively supports the March of Dimes. His community service has been recognized with the Leadership Cobb and the Earnest Barrett Outstanding Leadership Award. He served on the Marietta City School

Board, including three terms as chairman, and in the State Senate. In 2002, he was elected U.S. Congressman for Georgia's 11th District.

In the U.S. House of Representatives, Congressman Gingrey is working to improve healthcare for all Americans, protect our nation, create jobs, and improve education. Congressman Gingrey currently serves on the House Energy and Commerce Committee, where he utilizes his background as a physician to help shape our nation's health care policy. He also serves on the House Administration Committee, where he is the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Oversight. Congressman Gingrey was also recently selected to serve on the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission).

During his previous terms, Congressman Gingrey has served on the Armed Services Committee, the Rules Committee, the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and the Science and Technology Committee. In the 110th Congress, he served as Ranking Member of the Science Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation.

As Chairman of the GOP Doctors Caucus, Congressman Gingrey works with 21 medical providers in Congress to develop patient centered, patient driven healthcare reforms focused on quality, access, affordability, portability, and choice. The GOP Doctors Caucus Members continue to utilize their unique experiences and medical expertise to help reform and strengthen the healthcare system in the United States.

Congressman Gingrey and his wife, Billie, have been married for 42 years. They have been blessed with four children and 13 grandchildren. The Gingreys attend St. Joseph Catholic Church in Marietta.

Following the presentation of this award, six candles will be lit by Holocaust survivors and Liberators in remembrance of the six million Jews that were murdered by the Nazis and their collaborators.